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1. SUMMARY: PREPCOM CHOSE LA (ARGENTINA) AND EE (BULGARIA) VICE CHAIRMEN BUT AGAIN DEFERRED ACTION ON RAPPORTEUR AND WEO VICE CHAIRMAN. FIRST FULL DAY OF ACTIVITY FEATURED PREDICTABLE STATEMENTS FOR MOST PART BY SOME 15 DELEGATIONS AND 3 AGENCIES. MOST ENDORSED MORSE KICK-OFF STATEMENT INCLUDING BLANKET ACCEPTANCE COST ESTIMATES FOR THE CONFERENCE PER DOC PC/4. USDEL SOUGHT MORE RATIONAL APPROACH TO BUDGET ESTIMATES BY PROPOSING THAT INFORMATION PROGRAM BE CONFINED TO PRE-CONFERENCE PUBLICITY AND THAT EDUCATION FEATURES BE APPROACHED AS A LONG-TERM TCDC UNDERTAKING NOT CONFINED TO CONFERENCE.

2. CHRISTO KOSSEN OF BULGARIA AND AMBASSADOR RAUL DESMARAS-LUZURIAGA OF ARGENTINA WERE CHOSEN VICE CHAIRMEN OF THE PREPCOM AS REPRESENTATIVES RESPECTIVELY OF EASTERN EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA. WEO GROUP CONTINUES TO SEARCH FOR A CANDIDATE WITH THE LIKELIHOOD IT WILL  
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ACCEPT AN ITALIAN IN THE FACE OF CANADA'S OFFER TO SERVE ONLY AS RAPPORTEUR AND THE NORWEGIAN AND FINNISH RELUCTANCE TO SERVE IN ANY CAPACITY DESPITE EARLY SPONSORSHIP OF TCDC INITIATIVES. THE AFRICAN GROUP IS NEGOTIATING BETWEEN THE CANDIDACIES OF EGYPT AND SIERRA LEONE FOR RAPPORTEUR. FYI, AFRICA'S FIRST CHOICE FOR REPRESENTATIVE ON BUREAU AND PREPCOM CHAIRMAN--DIALLO,

UPPER VOLTA--NOT AVAILABLE AND NOT PRESENT. THIS WEEK-LONG EXERCISE TO CHOOSE A BUREAU PROMPTED THE MALTESE DELEGATE TO URGE THE PREPCOM TO PROPOSE A BUREAU FOR THE CONFERENCE IN ADVANCE OF THE BUENOS AIRES GATHERING. FYI, THE UN LEGAL OFFICE HAS RULED THAT VICE CHAIRMEN DO NOT HAVE PRECEDENCE AMONG THEMSELVES. RATHER THEY ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY BY REGION.

3. STATEMENTS BY SOME 15 DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ESCAP, FAO AND WHO FOCUSSED ON PREPCOM AGENDA ITEM 3 WORLD CONFERENCE AGENDA AND COSTS WHICH WAS CONSIDERED AS A UNIT IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR TIME LOST DURING FIRST TWO DAYS. STATEMENTS PRAISED UNDP ADMINISTRATOR MORSE WHO IS TO BE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE. WHILE ENDORSING THE VIRTUES OF "HORIZONTAL" COOPERATION, MANY DELEGATIONS ADDED THAT TCDC WAS TO SUPPLEMENT NOT REPLACE "TRADITIONAL" FORMS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. RESPONDING TO SUGGESTIONS FOR GREATER PARTICIPATION BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, MORSE ASSURED THE COMMITTEE THAT BOTH WOULD CONTRIBUTE FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. IN SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS, PARTICIPATION BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WAS PROPOSED AS A SPECIFIC AGENDA SUB-ITEM BY BRAZIL AND REJECTED BY THE UK AS IGNORING THE WIDER INVOLVEMENT OF THE DEVELOPED STATES IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE TCDC CONCEPT. THE GDR ASSERTED THAT TCDC WOULD BEST BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE INSTRUMENT OF CERDS. UNCLASSIFIED

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CUBA ENDORSED THE ARGENTINE CALL FOR ELIMINATION OF THE TRADITIONAL DICHOTOMY BETWEEN DONORS AND RECIPIENTS DECLARING THAT ALL STATES HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE. SWITZERLAND, THE USSR AND THE UK QUESTIONED THE BUDGET ESTIMATES, ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO THE INFORMATION SUPPORT PROGRAM; SWISS AND UK DELEGATES ALSO QUESTIONED ASPECTS OF THE DESIGN OF THE INFORMATION SUPPORT PROGRAM. PAYING HOMAGE TO BOTH NIEO AND CERDS, THE SOVIET SPOKESMAN ENDORSED THE MALTESE CALL FOR CLEARER CONFERENCE CRITERIA AND PROPOSED THAT CONFERENCE COSTS BE BORNE BY THE UNDP WITH THE UN REGULAR BUDGET BEING TAPPED ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF SAVINGS ACHIEVED THROUGH PROGRAM REDUCTIONS. THE MALTESE AND THE FAO REPRESENTATIVES CALLED FOR A PRACTICAL ACTION-ORIENTED APPROACH FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE PLAN OF ACTION (CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEM 9).

5. THE ROMANIAN DELEGATE PROPOSED THAT UNDP'S CATALYTIC ROLE IN THE UN SYSTEM SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED. SEVERAL

DELEGATIONS VOICED CONCERN ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
UNCTAD'S "ECDC" INITIATIVES.

6. THE US DELEGATION POINTED OUT THE SHORT TIME  
BETWEEN THE ECWA MEETING ON TCDC AND THE 2ND PREPCOM  
(ONE WEEK) AND SUGGESTED THAT THE FORMER BE SET FOR  
AN EARLIER DATE TO PERMIT CORRELATION OF ITS RESULTS  
WITH THAT OF THE THREE EARLIER MEETINGS OF REGIONAL  
ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS. A COMPILATION AND ANALYSIS OF  
THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOUR COMMISSIONS WAS WIDELY  
ADVOCATED AS A NECESSARY TOOL FOR THE 2ND PREPCOM.

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7. IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE A MORE RATIONAL APPROACH  
TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE BUDGET (NOW STANDING AT OVER  
\$1.8 MILLION) INCLUDING SAVINGS IN ACUTAL CONFERENCE  
COSTS, THE US DELEGATION PROPOSED A DISTINCTION BETWEEN  
PRE-CONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE PUBLICITY AND THE LONG-TERM  
ENDEAVOR TO EDUCATE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES TO THE  
INTENT AND METHODS OF TCDC AND TO OVERCOME  
THEREBY INGRAINED ATTITUDINAL BARRIERS WHICH  
MILITATE AGAINST HORIZONTAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. TO  
ACHIEVE THIS END, IT WAS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION  
BE ADDED TO ITEM 6 OF THE PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE  
AGENDA CONCERNING THE NEED FOR A LONG-RANGE INFORMA-  
TIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TO START UP BEFORE THE  
WORLD CONFERENCE AND REPORT TO IT. (TEXT OF US STATE-  
MENT POUCHED TO IO/DHP, MR. WING.)

8. THURSDAY'S SESSION SHOULD COMPLETE BOTH THE BUREAU  
AND DISCUSSION OF ITEM 3. THE COMMITTEE REPORT WILL

BE CONSIDERED ON FRIDAY. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT  
MANY DELEGATIONS WERE NOT GEARED UP TO TACKLING THE  
SUBJECT OF TCDC IN ANY DEPTH AND THAT THIS LACK OF  
PREPARATION CAN BE ONLY PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE  
TARDINESS OF UNDP IN ISSUING DOCUMENTATION--EXPLAINED  
BY LATENESS OF THE CONTROLLING UNGA RESOLUTION FOR THE  
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WORLD CONFERENCE. THERE MAY BE A GROWING AWARENESS  
ON THE PART OF BOTH WESTERN DONOR COUNTRIES AND THE  
LEAST DEVELOPED STATES OF THE THIRD WORLD THAT TCDC  
MIGHT FAVOR ONLY A VERY FEW COUNTRIES FOR SOME YEARS  
TO COME.  
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